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The substitute specification is being presented at this time in lieu of an extensive amendment to the specification as originally filed in an effort to present the Examiner with a document that is in compliance with the United States Patent Office rules and thereby facilitate further examination of the application. In accordance with the provisions of MPEP 608.01(q), a copy of the originally filed application illustrating the hand-written amendments incorporated into the substitute specification is enclosed herewith.

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 7 and 21, and amend Claim 15 as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A wheel and overlay assembly, comprising:

a wheel having an outboard surface thereon, said wheel further having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion, said rim portion having a rim flange circumscribing said rim portion, said rim flange terminating in a flange lip defining a radially outermost edge thereon, said radially outermost edge defining an outer diameter, said flange lip having an outboard surface portion; and

an overlay having an outboard surface thereon, said overlay being attached to said outboard surface of said wheel, said overlay further having a web portion and a peripheral flange circumscribing said web portion and terminating in a peripheral lip, said peripheral lip having an inboard surface portion located not against said outboard surface portion of said flange lip, said peripheral lip having a radially outermost edge defining a diameter, said diameter of said overlay being substantially equal to but not greater than said outer diameter of said wheel, whereby said peripheral lip of said